



In other news

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Volunteers wanted for study to help predict diseases

Los Alamos National Laboratory is looking for volunteers in Los Alamos County to participate in a respiratory pathogen study and provide information and swab samples.

“The goal of this study is to develop a system that can predict future emergence of infections, propose the best public health solutions to prevent spread of diseases and provide suitable treatment for infections,” said Harshini Mukundan, of the Lab’s Physical Chemistry and Applied Spectroscopy group.

The study takes place at the Medical Associates of Northern New Mexico clinic, 3917 West Road, Suite A, in Los Alamos from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. The study, conducted in partnership with the Department of Homeland Security’s Science and Technology Directorate and the Medical Associates of Northern New Mexico, will continue through September.

[Learn more here.](#)

Los Alamos High School Team 1 won the 2018 New Mexico Regional Science Bowl.

High School students compete in state Science Bowl

High School teams from across Northern New Mexico took part in the 2018 DOE Regional Science Bowl at Highland High School in Albuquerque on February 17. The event, open to teams from across the state, consisted of a round robin competition in the morning with double elimination rounds in the afternoon. Los Alamos High School won the competition, repeating their achievement of 2017. They will take part in the national event in Washington, DC at the end of April.

Attendees enjoy a demonstration at the 2017 Physics Camp.

Calling young women for free summer Physics Camp

Young women attending high school in Northern New Mexico are invited to attend a free two-week Summer Physics Camp for Young Women held at Pojoaque Valley High School June 11 to 22. “The camp will focus on boosting the students’ understanding of the physics of the Sun, Earth, and everything in between and also introduce them

to making some tasks fun by learning how to write your own computer programs, says organizer Anna Llobet.

The camp, hosted by Los Alamos National Laboratory, New Mexico Consortium, and Pojoaque Valley High School, will also introduce the variety of opportunities for internships at the Lab. For more information, call Josefina Salazar, 665-0987 or email lanl-physics-camp@lanl.gov.

Successful drive to support victims of domestic violence

Laboratory employees helped victims of domestic violence by donating useful items to be delivered to local shelters serving women, families and men escaping abusive environments. Six large boxes of towels, blankets, diapers and other supplies were collected at the Lab and sent to the Community Against Violence in Taos, Esperanza Shelter in Santa Fe and the Crisis Center of Northern New Mexico in Española.

"Individuals and families often arrive at the shelters with no personal possessions," says Selena Valencia from the Lab's Community Partnerships Office. "Moving from an unsafe home environment to a healthier living situation is hard to imagine without the most basic essentials like those employees donated."

The Lab employees' contribution was part of a broader community effort. The drive was coordinated by three participants of the [Leadership Los Alamos](#) program—Estrella Young Pinkerton, Jordan Jarrett and Burgandy Brock—as their community leadership project.

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